

2,000 ENROLL in Local Schools This Week

Nine Units In Three Systems

THREE separate and distinct school systems operate educational institutions in Torrance. The high school, junior high, evening school and the Torrance Elementary, Fern avenue and Walteria units are part of the Los Angeles City school system. Up in North Torrance the Los Angeles County school district directs the program at the Perry school and there are two private Japanese schools within the city limits—one in North Torrance being the largest of its kind in Southern California.

In addition to these educational units, about 50 Torrance children attend St. James Convent school in Redondo Beach. Thus, it can be clearly understood that the younger generation residing here have excellent facilities for study and training for adult life.

The oldest institution in the city is the county's Perry school located on Prairie avenue. This school district was organized in December, 1905, six years before Torrance was carved out of sand dunes and bean fields. In 1913 when the Torrance tract was opened, Perry had 32 pupils and two teachers.

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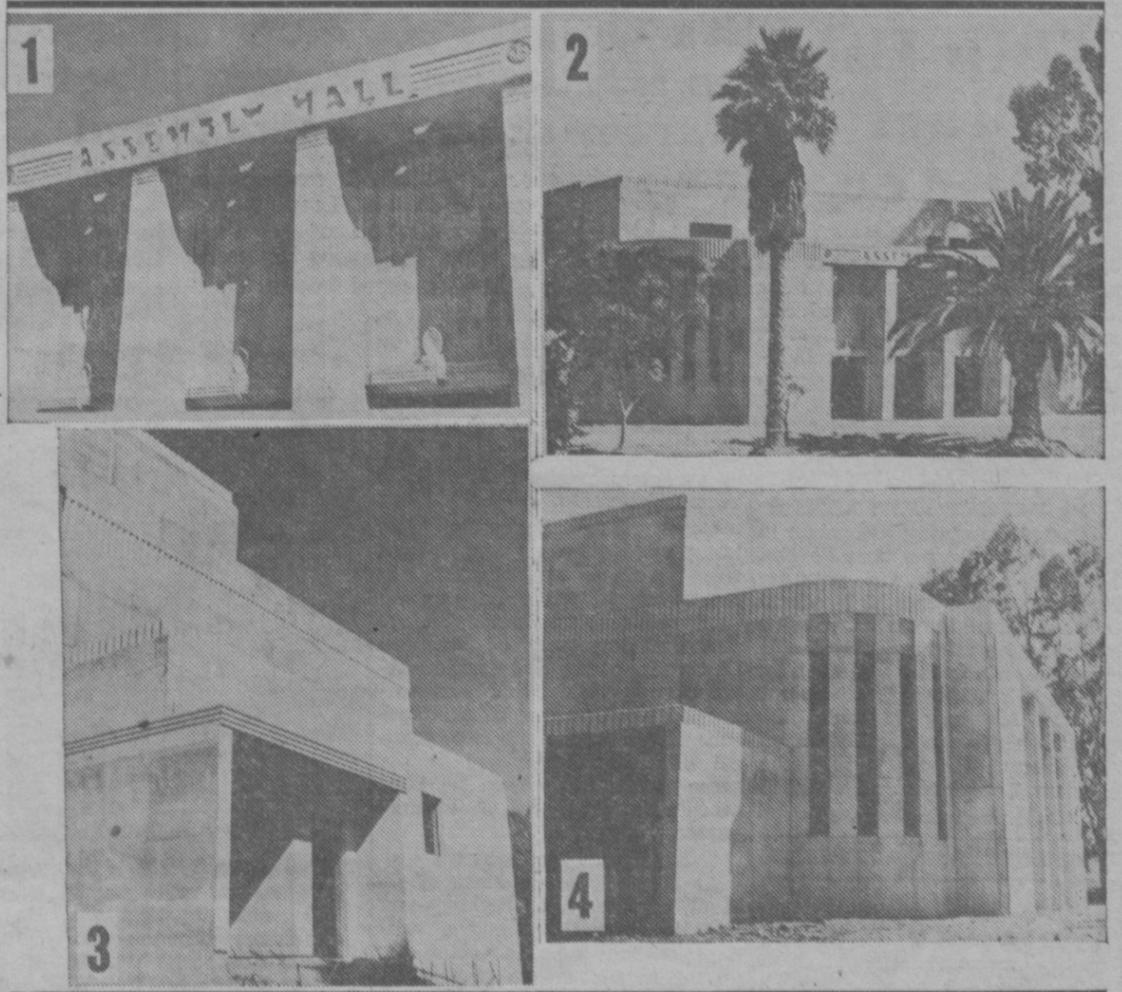
When the 1938-39 term began this week, more than 2,000 youngsters and 150 teachers returned to their nine-months work in the Torrance area. Boys and girls and their instructors have the most modern equipment and every known assistance to gain

more knowledge of the increasingly complex world they are part of.

The outstanding addition to school properties this year will be the new \$100,700 high school assembly hall which will seat some 700. This building, now in the final stages of construction, will probably be ready for use late in October. It will be equipped with the latest apparatus for stage productions and decorated in the modern manner. A sunken garden will connect the assembly hall with present high school campus.

Grammar school programs here follow the newest trends in education with the result that children are better equipped mentally and physically to enter junior high school and thus step upward on the educational ladder without undue strain. In the high school, a course of study has been instituted to better equip students for adult working life if they do not continue their career in higher institutions of learning.

This plan of education has been tested and found successful and as a result the special courses have been constantly expanded. High school training not only equips a student here with sufficient foreign languages, mathematics and sciences to meet college requirements but also offers a variety of courses that will fit boys and girls for business, industrial or homemaking careers.



STRENGTH AND BEAUTY . . . Revealing the functional architecture of the beautiful \$100,700 structure, these late photos of the new Torrance high school assembly hall indicate it will be one of the show places of the city. The facade, shown in No. 1, with its deeply recessed foyer fronts on what will be a sunken garden linking the building to the other

campus buildings. Massively constructed, (photo No. 2) the new addition is modeled on the same style as the Civic Center buildings. No. 3 shows the rear with its wide service entrance for scenery and other equipment. Modern lighting effects are made possible by the long narrow window grilles (photo No. 4) to the left of the entrance. It will be finished early next month.



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